

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the pending claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An operating system for managing data in a computer,~~ A data management system comprising:
 - a. a computer including a host processor;
 - b. at least one peripheral device in communication with the host processor;
 - c. a main dialog module containing a graphic-user interface (GUI) code for generating a GUI for interfacing between ~~a the~~ host processor ~~of the computer~~ and a user;
 - d. a data module coupled to the main dialog module, the data module containing an operating code for causing the host processor to execute a predetermined action responsive to a computer command initiated at the GUI; and
 - e. a conflict dialog module coupled to the data module and having a list of conflicts, the data module causing the conflict dialog module to generate a conflict from the list of conflicts responsive to a selected predetermined action to be executed by the host processor,
wherein the list of conflicts of the conflict dialog module is unaffected by a modification to the GUI code when the GUI code is modified with the modification.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein when the list of conflicts of the conflict dialog module is modified with a modification, the GUI code is unaffected by the modification to the list of conflicts of the conflict dialog module.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein when the GUI code is modified with a modification, the operating code of the data module is unaffected by the modification to the GUI code.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein when the operating code of the data module is modified with a modification, the GUI code is unaffected by the modification to the operating code of the printer data module.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~at least one~~ the peripheral device is ~~coupled to the host processor and~~ operated by the operating code of the data module.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the at least one peripheral device is a printer, a copy machine, a scanner, a fax machine, a key board, or any combination of them.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for managing data ~~in a Windows® environment of a computer having a host processor,~~ comprising:

- a. a host processor;
- b. a printer in communication with the host processor;
- c. a printer properties main dialog module containing a graphic-user interface (GUI) code for generating a GUI for displaying data for ~~a~~ the printer ~~in operative communication with the host processor;~~
- d. a printer data module coupled to the printer properties main dialog module, the printer data module containing an operating code for operating the printer and causing the printer to execute a predetermined action corresponding to a computer command initiated at the GUI; and
- e. a conflict dialog module coupled to the printer data module and having a list of conflicts, each conflict corresponding to a condition of the printer and a selected predetermined action to be executed by the printer, the printer data module causing the conflict dialog module to generate a conflict from the list of conflicts, wherein the printer properties main dialog module, the printer data module and the conflict dialog module are independently modifiable, such that one of the modules may be modified without affecting at least one of the other modules.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein when the list of conflicts of the conflict dialog

module is modified with a modification, the GUI code is unaffected by the modification to the list of conflicts of the conflict dialog module.

9. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein when the GUI code is modified with a modification, the operating code of the printer data module is unaffected by the modification to the GUI code.

10. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein when the operating code of the printer data module is modified with a modification, the GUI code is unaffected by the modification to the operating code of the printer data module.

11. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein when the GUI code is modified with a modification, the list of conflicts of the conflict dialog module is unaffected by the modification to the GUI code.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for managing data in an operating system of a host processor, the processor having a printer in communication therewith, in a Windows® environment of a computer having a host processor, comprising the steps of:

- a. generating a graphic-user interface (GUI) for displaying data for a the printer in operative communication with the host processor from a GUI code included in a printer properties main dialog module;
- b. causing the printer to execute a predetermined action corresponding to a computer command initiated at the GUI from an operating code included in a printer data module; and
- c. generating a conflict corresponding to a condition of the printer and a selected predetermined action to be executed by the printer from a list of conflicts included in a conflict dialog module,

wherein the printer properties main dialog module, the printer data module and the conflict dialog module are each independently modifiable, such that a modification of one of the modules does not affect at least one of the other modules.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:
 - a. modifying the list of conflicts with a modification; and
 - b. keeping the GUI code unaffected while the list of conflicts is modified with the modification.
14. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising steps of modifying the GUI code with a modification and keeping the list of conflicts unaffected while the GUI code is modified with the modification.
15. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising steps of modifying the operating code with a modification and keeping the GUI code unaffected while the operating code is modified with the modification.
16. (Currently Amended) A system for managing data ~~in a Windows® environment of a computer having a host processor~~, comprising:
 - a. a processing means for generating a graphic-user interface (GUI) for displaying data for a printer in operative communication with ~~the~~ a host processor from a GUI code;
 - b. an operating means for causing the printer to execute a predetermined action corresponding to a computer command initiated at the GUI from an operating code; and
 - c. a dialog means for generating a conflict from a list of conflicts, wherein each conflict is corresponding to a condition of the printer and a selected predetermined action to be executed by the printer,
wherein the processing means, the operating means and the dialog means are each independently modifiable, such that the modification of a selected one of the means does not affect at least one of the other two means.
17. (Original) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for keeping the GUI code

unaffected while the list of conflicts is modified with a modification.

18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the GUI code is modifiable, and further comprising means for keeping the list of conflicts unaffected while the GUI code is modified with a modification.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the operating code is modifiable, and further comprising means for keeping the GUI code unaffected while the operating code is modified with a modification.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer program product ~~in a computer readable medium of instructions~~, comprising:

- a. a recordable medium, said recordable medium being readable by a computer;
- b. instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for generating graphic-user interface (GUI) displaying data for a peripheral device in operative communication with a host processor of a computer;
- c. instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for operating ~~a the~~ peripheral device and causing the peripheral device to execute a predetermined action corresponding to a computer command initiated at the GUI; and
- d. instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for producing a list of conflicts, each conflict corresponding to a condition of the peripheral device and a selected predetermined action to be executed by the peripheral device,

wherein the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for generating ~~the~~ GUI and the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for producing a list of conflicts are independently modifiable, and when the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for generating GUI are modified with a modification, the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for producing a list of conflicts are unaffected by the modification.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 20, wherein when the

instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for producing a list of conflicts are modified with a modification, the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for generating GUI are unaffected by the modification to the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for producing a list of conflicts.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 20, wherein the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for operating the peripheral device and the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for generating the GUI are independently modifiable.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 20, wherein when the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for operating the peripheral device are modified with a modification, the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for generating the GUI are unaffected by the modification to the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for operating the peripheral device.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 20, wherein when the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for generating the GUI are modified with a modification, the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for operating the peripheral device are unaffected by the modification to the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for generating the GUI.

25. (Original) The computer program product of claim 20, wherein the peripheral device is a printer.

26. (Original) The computer program product of claim 20, wherein the peripheral device is a copy machine, scanner, or fax machine.

27. (Previously Presented) The operating system of claim 1, wherein one of the main dialog module, the data module or the conflict dialog module are independently modifiable such that

one of the modules can be modified without affecting either of the other modules.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein one of the modules can be modified without affecting either of the other modules.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein one of the modules can be modified without affecting either of the other modules.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein one of the processing means, the operating means or the dialog means can be modified without affecting either of the other two means.

31. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 20, wherein the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for generating the GUI, the instructions within a ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for operating a peripheral device and the instructions within the ~~computer readable recordable~~ medium for producing a list of conflicts are independently modifiable, such that one of the sets of instructions may be modified without affecting either of the other two sets of instructions.

32. (Currently Amended) A method for modifying a system for managing data in a Windows® environment ~~an operating system~~ of a computer having a host processor, a printer properties main dialog module containing a graphic-user interface (GUI) code for generating a GUI for displaying data for a printer in operative communication with the host processor, a printer data module coupled to the printer properties main dialog module, the printer data module containing an operating code for operating the printer and causing the printer to execute a predetermined action corresponding to a computer command initiated at the GUI, and a conflict dialog module coupled to the printer data module and having a list of conflicts, each conflict corresponding to a condition of the printer and a selected predetermined action to be executed by the printer, the printer data module causing the conflict dialog module to generate a conflict from the list of conflicts, wherein the printer properties main dialog module, the printer data module and the

conflict dialog module are independently modifiable, comprising the step of:

modifying one of the printer properties main dialog module, the printer data module or the conflict dialog module such that at least one of the other modules is not affected by the modification.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the modifying step further includes modifying a selected one of the printer properties main dialog module, the printer data module or the conflict dialog module while affecting neither of the other modules.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the modifying step includes modifying the list of conflicts of the conflict dialog module without affecting the GUI code of the printer properties main dialog module.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the step of modifying one of the printer properties main dialog module, the printer data module or the conflict dialog module comprises modifying the GUI code of the printer properties main dialog module without affecting the list of conflicts conflict dialog module.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the modifying step includes modifying the operating code of the printer data module without affecting the GUI code of the printer properties main dialog module.